

The Special Commission on the Future of the New York State Courts

Chief Judge Judith S. Kaye established the Special Commission on the Future of the New York State Courts in 2006 to study the state court system and make recommendations for structural reform. After releasing its first report on the state-and county-level courts, the Commission now is studying the state's nearly 1,300 town and village Justice Courts. As part of this effort, the Commission will be conducting four public hearings and seeks testimony from judges, law enforcement officials, prosecutors, public defenders, private practitioners, court administrators, state and county officials, town and village officials, bar associations, good government groups and all others with expertise or interest in the Justice Courts and the quality of local justice. Public comment is invited on all subjects relevant to the Justice Courts, with particular focus on:

- efficiency and organization of the local justice system;
- adequacy of protections of litigant rights and judicial independence;
- sufficiency of training for justices and other court officials; and
- sufficiency of court resources and management of those resources.

THE HEARINGS WILL TAKE PLACE AS FOLLOWS:

ALBANY

JUNE 13, 2007 **9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.**
EMPIRE STATE PLAZA
CONCOURSE LEVEL, MEETING ROOM 1

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JUNE 26, 2007 **10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.**
OLD TOMPKINS COUNTY COURTHOUSE
121 EAST COURT STREET, SECOND FLOOR

WHITE PLAINS

SEPTEMBER 11, 2007 **9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.**
NEW YORK STATE JUDICIAL INSTITUTE (AT PACE LAW SCHOOL)
84 NORTH BROADWAY

ROCHESTER

SEPTEMBER 25, 2007 **9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.**
MONROE COUNTY HALL OF JUSTICE
99 EXCHANGE BOULEVARD

PERSONS WISHING TO TESTIFY SHOULD REGISTER WITH LISA SCOVOTTI, Davis Polk & Wardwell, 450 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10017, 1-888-402-2014, nycourtreform@dpw.com

THE COMMISSION WILL TRY TO ACCOMMODATE EVERYONE WHO REGISTERS. Preference will be given to individuals who register early and those representing interested organizations. Persons requesting accessibility assistance should contact Ms. Scovotti.

For further information about the Commission and Hearings, please visit our website at www.nycourtreform.org.